

THE FOURTH QUARTER

By LESLIE HOLBROOK

People say "Practise what you preach."
My wife and I have been doing just that - travelling in Canada, taking advantage of special fares and discounts, as I recommended in earlier columns.

We have been in the Atlantic Provinces, getting back to home base just before the July 1st holiday, after which date the heavy summer vacation traffic starts.

When holiday travel slackens in the fall - after Labor Day and children are back at school - we'll take a Western Canada jaunt. This will include attendance at the 1978 convention of the National Pensioners and Senior Citizens Federation (Vancouver, September 26, 27 and 28) where we look forward to meeting many of you.

To take advantage of the new Charter Class Fare (Canada) we booked a flight Toronto -

Halifax return the required 45 days before departure with payment within seven days of confirmation of reservations. This way it cost us only \$31 each to fly home. (You, too, can fly back for \$31 no matter where you live in Canada.)

We already have made similar arrangements for our western trip. Such bookings are limited so see your travel agent promptly if you are planning savings for the fall. He also can tell you about other "Share Canada Tours" at reduced rates when the off-season rolls around again.

At Halifax we picked up a small car (easier to

get what you want in the off-season); the modest vehicle was easy to drive, park and manipulate on and off ferries.

We bought a styrofoam food cooler for \$1.98 and made our own lunches in pleasant places (picking up a free senior citizens' pass to national parks) and got some of our own breakfasts.

Off-season rates obtained in motels and hotels; in Truro, for example, we got two nights' lodging for the price of one.

You have missed the spring bargain season. Plan now for the fall, after families with noisy kids are off the road, when vacancy signs again will be plentiful and

bargains will be offered.

I have a letter from T.R. Collings, secretary, Insurance Bureau of Canada, 181 University Ave., Toronto, M5H 3M7. He wants to go to bat for Mr. F.J.K. of Brantford who complained (in this column) about his high car insurance bill, claiming age discrimination.

The Insurance Bureau represents most insurance companies and they are anxious to make certain that problems such as cited by Mr. K are resolved. "An error may have been made; in any event, it should not be assumed that the increase was simply due to the driver having passed his 70th birthday," their secretary says.

So, Mr. K, put your problem to Mr. Collings at the above address.

Back from our lengthy Eastern trip, I am working my way through a pile of readers' mail. Here's another letter re car insurance (Mr. T.M.B., St. Catharines) reporting on what he calls "a flagrant practice of discrimination against the aging".

This latter case does not sound all that bad to me but I suggest that Mr. B also put his case before the Insurance Bureau.

Send comments and questions (long, stamped addressed envelope for reply) to The Tribune, c/o P.O. Box 1506, Guelph, Ontario N1H 6N9

Ever live in Goodwood on American side of tracks?

By Eleanor Todd

Actually, our Ward Councillor, John Paxton started it when he moved to Goodwood in 1972 to the house west of the Esso Garage property. Then Olaf Foster continued after he bought the garage for Claude Watson, and neither one of them realized that by flying a British flag they were reversing a tradition which had begun in 1912 and continued for over 30 years.

This story really begins in the fall of 1911 when Ontario went Conservative and almost singlehandedly (with a little help from Quebec) defeated the Laurier government, including the Minister of Labour, W. L. Mackenzie King. The issues had again been condensed to "loyalty to the British Empire or reciprocity with the U.S. and annexation for sure".

The aftermath meant a changing of postmasters because the days of open political patronage were not yet over. Liberal storekeeper Crosby had been postmaster for 5 years and he was well-liked. John S. Todd, Conservative and prominent businessman (he ran the Goodwood elevator) was appointed and he was not so well-liked, especially after he got the appointment. After all, he didn't need the job, and Crosby had been talking of quitting storekeeping and going into the coal business with his brother in Toronto.

The Great Post Office War started when John S. moved the post office from Crosby's fine brick store on the east side of the tracks to a small unused store west of the tracks (the present P.O.) and started selling groceries also, in opposition to Crosby. Many people boycotted the new post office by asking their friends to address their mail in care of Mr.

Crosby. Some got together to bring in a car of feed, a car of salt, and a car of coal so that they wouldn't have to deal with John S.

The writer of the Goodwood news promoted the activities of rival stock buyers in his weekly column. A meeting was held in the Township Hall with the postal authorities to air complaints against the new postmaster to see if there were grounds to have him ousted.

Then in June of 1912 when many people in Goodwood (and most communities in those days) flew a Union Jack in honour of the King's birthday, Postmaster John S. Todd forgot. In fact, nobody on the west side of the tracks had raised a flag, so from that day people started calling it the American side of town.

As for the Great Post Office War, it petered out gradually. John S. hired Joe Henderson to repair and install the post office facilities in the store west of the Victoria Hotel (John Paxton's first Goodwood house) and hired his nephew, George Todd to look after the books.

Bert Crosby gave up storekeeping and moved to Toronto, and John S. remained as Postmaster until his death in 1918 (he'd moved the post office to Crosby's store that year) and his daughter Jessie continued in the position until 1936 when Charlie Watson got the job.

Did you ever live near Goodwood? Perhaps you know some rousing election stories when they held triumphal processions, built bonfires and burned effigies of the losers on the four corners. I'd really enjoy hearing from you. Call me at 640-1580 or write Eleanor Todd, Goodwood, Ontario.

Gormley activities

By EVELYN MILSTED

Friends were sorry to learn of the passing of Sam Messary of Agincourt. Mr. Messary used to work with his father and mother at the vegetable farm just south of Gormley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Doner received word from their son-in-law and daughter, Art and Shirley Welch of Quill Lake, Sask., saying that their crops were completely hailed out. They had seven inches of rain along with the hail.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brillinger attended the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Eade at Fordwich on Saturday. The Eade's used to live here. Mrs. Debert Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baker visited with relatives in Gettysburg Pennsylvania last week and also at Washington and other areas.

Susan Rosenburger is spending this week at Trail of the Pines Camp at Stayner.

Mr. Nikkel of British Columbia holidayed with his son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. George Zane.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Tucker (nee Pat Boynton, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Boynton) who were married on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson of Flesheron visited with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Benson.

Miss Velm a Brillinger has arrived home from Zambia, Africa. Velm began her missionary service in Africa in 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wideman and Dwight, and Mr. and Mrs. Russel Heise arrived home on Saturday from the Brethren in Christ conference in Pennsylvania. On their way home they visited Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Flewelling in Geneva, New York. Rev. Flewelling is former pastor of the Heise Hill Church.



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